



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
February 2, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Present:** Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Jahn Dyvik, Mike Feldmann, and Gina Joyce

**Staff Present:** City Administrator: Scott Weske; Public Works Director: Sean Diercks; Fire Chief: James Van Eyll; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

**Absent:** Council: Deirdre Kvale (with prior notice)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS – LONG LAKE NEWS, MEETING REVIEW AND UPDATES**

Mayor Miner explained that retired Long Lake Fire Chief Rick Perry had passed away on January 22, 2021. He read aloud statements from Mr. Perry's family and firefighter Kelly Shaughnessy about Mr. Perry's life and times in the City. He expressed his thanks to Mr. Perry for his service to the City, offered his sympathies to the family, and noted that Mr. Perry would be greatly missed.

Mayor Miner indicated that the Council met in a work session prior to the regular meeting and discussed ways to fill a vacant Public Works position, as well as a draft of some potential changes to the City's traffic and vehicle regulations code.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

*A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Feldmann, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all by roll call.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes of January 19, 2021 City Council Meeting
- B. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of January 12, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting
- C. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of January 19, 2021 Economic Development Authority Meeting
- D. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-05 Approving Issuance of Special Event Permit #S2021-02 for the Gear West 'Pre-Game Fat Bike Ride' to be held Sunday, February 7, 2021; and to Authorize the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol Unit to Permit the Event

*A motion was made by Miner, seconded by Dyvik, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: all by roll call.*

**OPEN CORRESPONDENCE**

No one was present to address the Council during Open Correspondence, and no written comments were received to be read aloud by staff.

### **Presentation of Wayzata Police Activity Report**

Police Chief Risvold stated that the entire department would like to offer their condolences to the Perry family on the loss of Rick. He welcomed Council members Joyce and Feldmann to the Council and congratulated them on their victory in the election.

Chief Risvold gave an overview of the 2020 Police activity in the City and noted that the most significant numbers in the report are related to traffic citations and warnings. He explained that the traffic numbers were down compared to where they could have been because of COVID-19 keeping more individuals home during the pandemic, and because the Department adjusted their focus in order to limit contact with people. He noted that property crimes since the beginning of COVID-19 have increased dramatically and there was also a spike in permits to purchase firearms in both Long Lake and Wayzata. He added that if the traffic numbers are removed from the calculations, there was about a 5.7% decrease in activity from record highs in both 2018 and 2019.

Deputy Police Chief Schultz reported that the Department experienced significant changes in how they did business in 2020 and explained that a great deal of their time was spent addressing state of emergency issues. He reviewed the Department's accomplishments and initiatives from 2020; and discussed some of the mandated training they had completed on subjects like crisis intervention, mental illness crisis, conflict management and cultural diversity. There were also some mandated policy changes on the use of force and he mentioned that all of the officers received training on responding to civil unrest situations. He noted that priorities for the Department moving forward are leadership training and overall continued education. He indicated that due to COVID-19 they had found creative ways to engage with the public such as birthday patrols and mask drives. He pointed out that one of their biggest projects in 2020 was implementation of a body camera program. The Department has begun working on a policy manual update with the goal of providing online access to the finished product in order to increase transparency. He provided a brief overview of their protocols and activities during the state of emergency and shared ideas of ways that the Department will be able to engage with the community and interact with people. He noted that there are several retirements on the horizon so the Department will be looking for officers throughout 2021.

Mayor Miner expressed his appreciation to the Police Department for their work throughout a difficult 2020.

Fire Chief Van Eyll expressed his appreciation to the Police Department for their help during the Fire Department's Halloween event.

Police Chief Risvold noted that he will officially be retiring on March 31, 2021.

### **Presentation of 2020 Long Lake Fire Department Annual Report**

Fire Chief Van Eyll presented the Long Lake Fire Department Annual Report from 2020. He briefly reviewed the mission, vision, value, and R.I.T.E. statements of the Department. He reviewed the leadership team, the organization chart, and noted that they currently have 41 members with one on a medical leave of absence. There were no retirements in 2020, there were a few new probationary members added, and one member who came off of probationary status in 2020. He reviewed the emergency call activity for the year and noted that similar to what Police Chief Risvold had touched on during his presentation, the Fire Department's call volume dramatically decreased by about 10% in 2020. He stated that he is unsure if people were just afraid to call 911 due to the pandemic, but they definitely noticed a reduction in medical calls. He reviewed the number of times that the Department gave and received mutual aid and shared statistics regarding responders per incident. He discussed call hours for 2020 broken down by city served. He addressed the training and station goals, adding that many are going to be moved forward from 2020 into 2021 since some of them were difficult to accomplish amid the pandemic. The top responders and top attendees for

training were highlighted and Chief Van Eyll expressed his appreciation for their work and dedication to the Department. Van Eyll gave a brief overview of the calls by day of the week and by month. He commented that team building activities basically ended in March and their Chili Cook-off was their last such activity. He noted that he is hopeful that they will be able to hold some of their events in 2021 such as the Annual Pancake Breakfast and the Boot Hockey Tournament.

Mayor Miner asked about COVID-19 vaccinations for the Department.

Van Eyll responded that about 10% of Department members had opted not to get vaccinated, but those that wanted the vaccinations are going through their second round of doses. He noted that they are experiencing a higher amount of side effects and symptoms of flu-like symptoms after the second dose.

Mayor Miner indicated that there is a meeting of area cities coming up next week to discuss fire districting and the State Fire Marshal's office will be in attendance also. He stated that they have also asked one elected official from each city to attend, so he plans on attending.

Van Eyll confirmed that the meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2021 at 8:00 am.

Mayor Miner thanked Fire Chief Van Eyll and the rest of the Fire Department for a great year of service to the City.

### **Consider Reappointment of Park Board Members**

City Clerk Moeller noted that this item is typically placed on the Consent Agenda, but because there are new Council members staff decided to bring this item to the Council on the regular agenda. She reported that Park Board members Donny Chillstrom and Alicia Larson are interested in continuing to serve on the Board for another three-year term. She advised that the Council has to option to re-appoint these individuals or direct staff to advertise for the positions. She added that there is also a vacancy for an unexpired term on the Park Board due to the election of new Council member Joyce that will be advertised soon once the Council determines which option they would prefer.

*A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Joyce, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-04 adopting Resolution No. 2021-04 appointing Park Board members as therein indicated. Ayes: all by roll call.*

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Comprehensive Plan Action** - Council member Joyce asked about the upcoming agenda item on February 16, 2021 for the Comprehensive Plan. She asked if it was typical to have a work session to discuss a high-level overview of what has changed in the plan. Moeller indicated that some of those types of work sessions were held with the previous Planning Commission and City Council while the document was in development. She suggested that the new Council members e-mail her regarding specific questions or areas that they would like more information about and she will pass them along to be addressed during the Council presentation on February 16, 2021. Council member Joyce stated that she thought it would be very helpful to hear some of the conversations and thought processes behind the changes in the Comprehensive Plan. Moeller noted that the Planning Commission will be holding the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan at their February 9, 2021 meeting, so the presentation to the Council on February 16, 2021 will include any public comments that will be received during the public hearing.

**Development Activity** – Council member Dyvik commented that he was happy to see the activity on Symes Street and Martha Lane with construction underway on a few of the homes. He asked about the developer that was interested in the properties on Symes Street across from the park and asked if there was any traction on that. City Administrator Weske responded that there has not

been anything new since the last e-mail update he sent to the Council. Council member Dyvik noted he hopes that any parties interested in that site have paid attention to past proposals that have been brought before the Council. Weske indicated that when parties contact staff, staff is able to provide them a history on what has been seen by the City and which concepts were seen as positive or negative.

**City Hall Maintenance Updates** - Mayor Miner asked for an update on the heating situation at City Hall. Weske reported that last week, two of the building's three furnaces failed and dispersed carbon monoxide and natural gas in the building, so those furnaces were shut down and staff had to work with gloves and hats on at City Hall. Moeller noted that staff's headaches went away after the red tagged furnace was shut down. Weske confirmed that City Hall has had two new furnaces installed. Moeller expressed her appreciation to City View Plumbing & Heating for their hard work to get the new furnaces up and running. Mayor Miner inquired about the window on the east side of City Hall that is rotting a bit. Weske replied that staff has had three or four contractors come and look at it, but only one quote has been received back and it was incredibly high. He stated that he is hoping that in the spring when manufacturing opens back up again, they may be able to get some windows replaced at a reasonable price. In the meantime, staff is looking into getting the window sealed so there is not water leaking back into the walls.

**Generator Project Complete** - Public Works Director Diercks advised that the well house generator project has been completed and everything is ready to go.

**Use of Station 1 by Long Lake Rowing Crew** - Fire Chief Van Eyll indicated he had been approached by the Long Lake Rowing Crew about doing some dry land training in Station 1. He explained that in the past they have used the lounge area, but with COVID-19 restrictions it may have to be moved elsewhere and they also may not be able to accommodate them at all. He stated that he will continue working with them to see if there is someplace where they can do their training. Council member Dyvik pointed out that the crew would need to row with masks on. Van Eyll confirmed that there are many things to consider including the mask requirement, the social distancing requirement, and the whole clean up protocol that they will have to come up with in order to satisfy those requirements.

**Possible Vaccination Site** - Mayor Miner inquired whether Chief Van Eyll had information about whether there would be a vaccination clinic in an Orono School District building. Van Eyll replied that he was unsure if it is official, but the last he heard is that they would not be having a vaccination clinic at the school.

**Building Permit Application for Zvago** - City Clerk Moeller reported that the City had received a building permit request for the Zvago project at the former Burger King location. The application was made in preparation for beginning construction this summer. Council member Dyvik asked if the Council could get a copy of any updated design documents. Weske stated that since the electronic file for the full building plan set is so large, the easiest thing to do may be to search Zvago Long Lake and go look on the development website. Moeller added that she could send the YouTube walk-through video to the new Council members. Van Eyll noted that his hard copy of the plan documents could be made available if the Council would like to stop in and take a look.

## **ADJOURN**

*Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:47 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske  
City Administrator